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1. As a result of the events following Palmiro Togliatti's attempted assassination, the Italian Communist Party is reorganizing its Apparatus in conformity with Cominform directives. The new Apparatus would serve as a "fifth column" in Italy in the event of a conflict between the Western and Eastern powers.
2. The following formations will be included in the new organization and will be composed of militant activists:
 - a. "Stelle Rosse" (Red Stars) - Comprising five or six squads with ten to fifteen men in each.
 - b. "Super Gap" - Comprising ten to twenty-two men chosen from the ranks of militant Communists.
3. The general mission of the above mentioned formations is virtually identical except that the "Stelle Rosse" are to operate in the important industrial centers and the "Super Gap" would be active in all the other sectors of Italy.
4. The special missions of the formations are:
 - a. To occupy the industrial centers and the important state organs.
 - b. To prevent the damaging and removal of personal property.
 - c. To prevent the escape of workers and clerks.
 - d. To direct the resumption of work and assure the continuity of war production according to pre-determined plans of the central tactical command.
 - e. To cooperate in the occupation and guarding of landing places, airfields and all other means of communication in order to insure the liaison and rapid movements of forces through Italy.

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- f. To destroy and mine military establishments, powder factories, deposits and warehouses, which might be advantageous to the enemy forces.
5. The PCI (Partito Comunista Italiano) plan includes the interpretation of propaganda to be carried out by [REDACTED] (ARI - Italian Girls Association) [REDACTED] Unione Donne Italiane (UDI - Italian Women's Union), Reduci e Soldati (CARS - Center for the Aid of Veterans and Soldiers).
6. PCI leaders estimate that there will be approximately 50,000 men included in the above mentioned formations.
7. The armament contemplated in the plan would consist of light and heavy automatic weapons, "Stern" and automatic rifles, muskets, grenades and flare pistols.
8. Also included in the plan is the political sub-division of Italy into 18 sectors corresponding to the number of Italian regions the headquarters of which will be located in Turin, Milan, Verona, Bolzano, Trieste, Genoa, Bologna, Florence, Ancona, Perugia, Rome, L'Aquila, Naples, Bari, Potenza, Reggio Calabria, Palermo and Cagliari.

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